Commodities exported from Orissa

943. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed Orissa's export potential;

(b) the details of exportable commodities/articles of Orissa; and

(c) the details of quantity of commodities exported from Orissa and foreign exchange earned during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has been assigned to carry out the export potential survey of Orissa.

(b) and (c) State-wise data of exports is not maintained by Department of Commerce.

Industrial growth centres in H.P., J & K and Punjab

944. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of industrial growth centres set up in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab separately;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to set up some more industrial growth centres in these States;

(c) whether any request have been received from these States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INSUTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Under the Scheme one growth centre has been allotted to Himachal Pradesh at Kangra (District Kangra). The State of Jammu and Kashmir has been allotted two growth centres at Lassipora (District Pulwama) and Samba (District Jammu). Two growth centres have been allotted to Punjab, one at Bhatinda (District Bhatinda) and the other at

Pathankot (District Gurdaspur). All these five growth centres have become functioning as allotment of industrial plots has commenced in these Growth Centres.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Benefits under WTO Agreements

945. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the stated position of India in regard to WTO agreements entered so far;

(b) the details of benefits these agreements have brought to India in terms of greater export market access in the developed west particularly in Textiles, agriculture exports;

(c) whether it is a fact that WTO regime is not enthusiastic about cross border movement of labour which is not only India's key concern but considered component of trade in services; and

(d) if so, whether Indian delegation attending WTO Conference at Doha recently expressed our concern on such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) India is founding member of WTO and strongly favours the strengthening of the rule-based multilateral trading system of the WTO which came into existence in 1995. However, in the course of implementation of WTO Agreements over the last 6 years, there is clear perception of 'development deficit'. The inherent imbalances in the WTO agreements, the non-operationalisation of the Special and Differential Treatment Clauses in favour of developing countries and the lack of sincere implementation of their obligation by developed countries are apparent. India along with other like minded Member countries have highlighted these "implementation related issued concerns" in WTO.